

TABLE I—ALLOWANCES FOR DEFECTS IN FROZEN OKRA

	Whole style (maximum—per 50 pods)		Cut style (maximum—per 10 ounces)	
	Grade A	Grade B	Grade A	Grade B
Blemished units; and seriously blemished units.	3 units, but not more than 1 unit seriously blemished.	6 units, but not more than 2 units seriously blemished.	6 units, but not more than 2 units seriously blemished.	12 units, but not more than 4 units seriously blemished.
Insignificantly blemished units	Do not more than slightly detract from the appearance.	Do not seriously detract from the appearance.	Do not more than slightly detract from the appearance.	Do not seriously detract from the appearance.
Harmless extraneous material	2 pieces	3 pieces	1 piece	2 pieces.
Poorly trimmed; excessively trimmed; small or damaged units; misshapen units; or any combination of these.	10 units	15 units	12 units	18 units.
Damaged by mechanical injury	5 units	10 units	Not applicable	Not applicable.
Pathological or insect injury	None	1 unit	1 unit	2 units.
Sand, grit, or silt	None	Trace	None	Trace.
Total: All defects above and any other defects or including above.	10 units, do not materially detract from the appearance.	15 units, do not seriously detract from the appearance.	12 units, do not materially detract from the appearance.	18 units, do not seriously detract from the appearance.

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§ 52.1518 Character.

(a) *General.* The factor of character refers to the development of the pods and seeds and to the degree of freedom from tough fiber. “Tough fiber” in frozen okra means any cooked unit that contains tough fibrous development to the extent that the eating quality of the unit is materially affected.

(b) (A) *Classification.* Frozen okra that possesses a good character may be given a score of 27 to 30 points. “Good character” means that the units are fleshy and tender, that the seeds are in the early stages of maturity, and that not more than 2 whole pods or 4 cut units (as applicable) per sample unit possess tough fibers.

(c) (B) *Classification.* Frozen okra that possesses a reasonably good character may be given a score of 24 to 26 points. Frozen okra that falls into this classification shall not be graded above U.S. Grade B, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule). “Reasonably good character” means that the units may have lost their

fleshy texture to a considerable extent, that the units are reasonably tender, that the seeds may have passed the early stages of maturity, and that not more than 4 whole pods or 8 cut units (as applicable) per sample unit possess tough fibers.

(d) (SStd.) *Classification.* Frozen okra that fails to meet the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section may be given a score of 0 to 23 points and shall not be graded above Substandard, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule).

LOT COMPLIANCE

§ 52.1519 Ascertaining the grade of a lot.

The grade of a lot of frozen okra covered by these standards is determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Products Thereof, and Certain Other Processed Food Products (§§ 52.1 to 52.87).

SCORE SHEET

§ 52.1520 Score sheet for frozen okra.

Size and kind of container
Container marks or identification